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1. TRADITIONAL USG POSITION TOWARD REQUESTS FROM AFRICAN NATIONS TO NEGOTIATE CIVAIR BILATERALS HAS BEEN TO DISCOURAGE SUCH INITIATIVES. STATE CA.6366 OF NOVEMBER 28, 1969, PROVIDES RELEVANT BACKGROUND ON BASIS OF POLICY. IN THIS REGARD IT SHOULD BE NOTED NO AGREEMENT EVER SIGNED WITH EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY OR AIR AFRIQUE NATIONS. HOWEVER, FOR REASONS STATED IN REPAIR, BILATERAL WAS CONCLUDED WITH MOROCCO. A LATER AGREEMENT WAS SIGNED WITH ZAIRE FOR POLITICAL REASONS AND HAS PROVED TO BE UNSATISFACTORY.

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2. USG 1971 POSITION RE NEGOTIATION OF BILATERAL WITH
GHANA TAKEN WITH GREAT RELUCTANCE AND UNDER PRESSURE. AS
GHANA NEVER RESPONDED TO USG NOTE, WE WOULD PREFER HAVE
MATTER DROPPED SINCE MERGER OF GHANA AIRWAYS AND AIR
AFRIQUE WOULD SERVE USG INTEREST FAR BETTER THAN NEGOTIA-
TION OF BILATERAL AND EXCHANGE OF ROUTE RIGHTS. ROGERS

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